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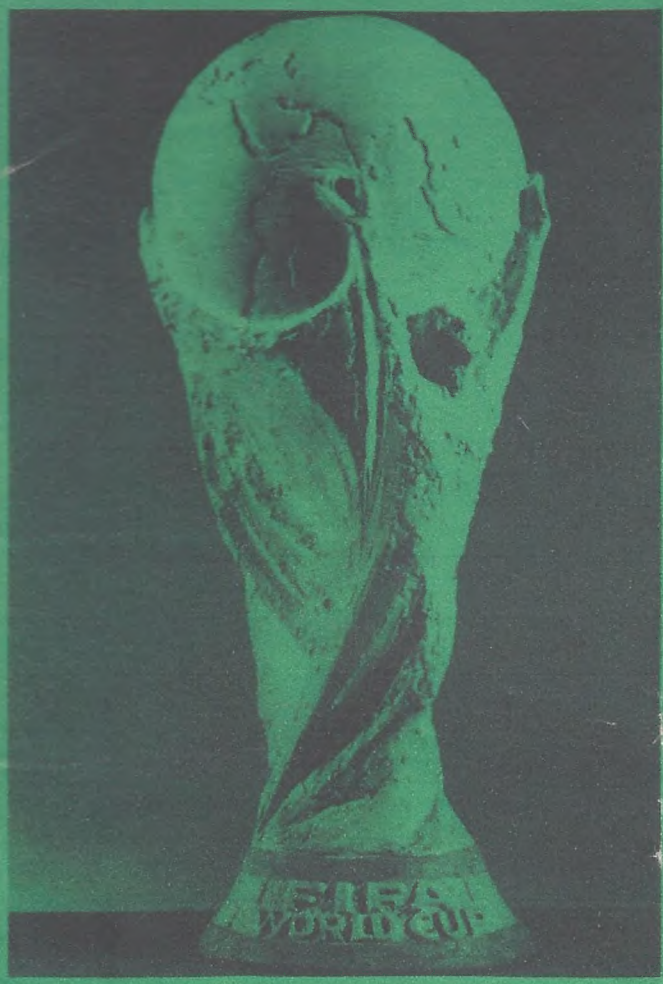

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GREETINGS from the New Zealand Football Association and our very best wishes for success of the first World Cup elimination games to be held in Australia. Our appreciation also for the agreement to play the first New Zealand-Australia game in Auckland. We congratulate you on undertaking the organisation of this series, confident of your ability to make this an occasion of which Australia and New Zealand can be justly proud.

Our greetings and good wishes for an enjoyable stay in Australia to officials, players and supporters of overseas visiting teams who will be with you during the Cup games and who, unfortunately, will not be coming to New Zealand. Soccer, the most universal of all games, is on the march more rapidly than ever in this part of the world and the staging of this World Cup series will further enhance our progress and give more impetus to the ever-increasing number of soccer players and supporters. It will also advance the development of skills towards the highest standards of achievement reached in other countries desired by us all. Inter-country competition can only be beneficial to all participants and we believe there should be the closest liaison between all soccer administration, and in particular, Oceania and South-East Asia, to promote such competition. We look forward to increased co-operation to that end with you in the future. We trust that all teams and spectators will enjoy the skill and excitement of this World Cup series.

Kia-Ora to all.

Hon. W. A. FOX,

President.

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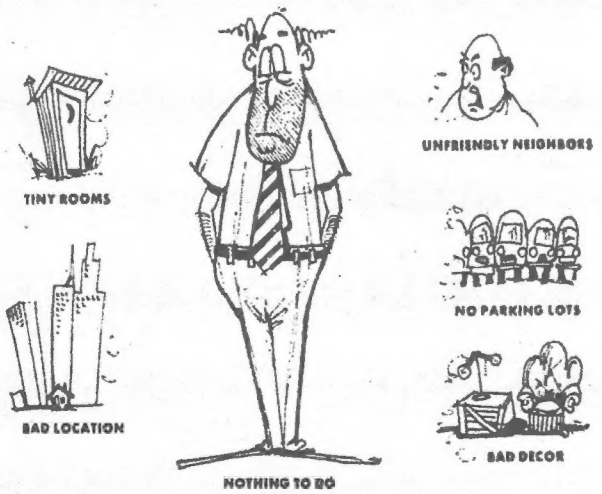

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by TREVOR ROWSE

YES, I know that New Zealand has not often rated more than a feeble clap over the last few years as we gradually grow sophisticated over our soccer, but today is the day to really let everything go for OUR team.

OUR team. This is the first and last chance that we will have to cheer New Zealand in a game that really means something.

Not one of your routine friendlies or exhibitions this time.

This is the real thing — the most important game of football of any code to have ever been played here.

Once the team gets to Australia they won't be hearing any friendly voices as the Kiwis in the crowd get drowned out by the cat-calls of the astringent Aussie fans.

They will not cheer our team so we should not be too generous with theirs. They will have their turn, so the good old-fashioned Kiwi sportsmanship ("always cheer for the visitors and forget our chaps") must be forgotten; at least for today.

This is the moment — the big day — it's them or us, and they couldn't care less if New Zealand sank under the sea after one of those earthquakes they are always hearing about.

We have always been "the Shaky Islands" to them — or worse.

They rubbish our racehorses, our yachts, our athletes and cricketers and our women (athletes, cricketers or otherwise).

I have even listened to one farmer try to tell me "that one blade of Aussie grass is equal to ten blades of New Zealand's. The rain has washed all of the goodness out of it."

As I had been in the district for only two weeks and had yet to see a blade of local grass, I found it hard to argue with him, but it did rain the next year, according to the Weather Office.

In 1966 English soccer administrators were worried about putting the England team on to Wembley as it's 'home' ground in the World Cup.

Understandably they were worried because of the insipid reception that the London fans usually gave to the national side.

"Will they cheer?" was the big question.

We know now that they not only cheered but they whistled, chanted, waved flags, sang, shouted, raved and ranted and generally gave the side fantastic support.

In fact, other countries said that England stacked the odds by playing there.

Newmarket Park could be the same — should be the same — if everyone forgets their club loyalties — and jealousies for the day.

Who cares if Brian Turner tripped Garry Lake one day last year or vice-versa? Why worry that Mal Bland does not play for YOUR team?

If the Australian soccer authorities had not abandoned us both countries would have been in stronger bargaining positions with FIFA years ago.

After the 1957 FK Australia tour much of Australia became involved with the ban on the NSW Federation and soccer development in the South Pacific was halted. New Zealand turned to the Pacific Islands and the game was strengthened there.

When the ban (which started over the poaching of players) was over, the age of the big jets meant nothing to the hard-hearted Aussie officials. We were further away than ever and even the chance of recognition of Oceania as a section of the World Cup competition meant nothing to them.

FIFA had to force them to play us otherwise this game would never have taken place. The Oceania series last year was wrecked because Australia pulled out and this year they did it again.

Oceania went it alone — to their credit.

So don't feel sorry for the Aussies, playing far from home. They don't rate any real consideration.

Just save what cheers you have for those who deserve them. Just think of all the games that you have missed between the countries in the last twenty years, and the other tours by European teams that were cancelled because the two sides could not agree.

Then cheer as hard as you like.

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AUSTRALIA'S RESULTS AGAINST CLUB SIDES

The Australian National Soccer Team has also played several matches, at home and abroad, against leading European Club sides, the results of which are:

v CHELSEA (England)	1-1
v CHELSEA (England)	2-2
v AS Roma (Italy)	1-1
v LUTON TOWN (England)	2-1
v MANCHESTER CITY	0-2
v WOLVERHAMPTON (England)	1-0
v WOLVERHAMPTON (England	2-2
v SANTOS (Brazil)	2-2
v AIK (Stockholm (Sweden)	1-2 (in Hong Kong)

AUSTRALIA'S RESULTS AGAINST NATIONAL TEAMS

v CANADA

1924	3-2
1924	0-1
1924	4-1
1924	0-0
1924	1-4
1924	1-0

v CAMBODIA

1965	0-0

v ENGLAND (Amateurs)

1937	5-4
1937	0-4
1937	4-3

v GREECE

1969	1-0
1969	2-2
1969	0-2
1970	3-1

v HONG KONG

1965	0-1

v INDIA

1938	5-3
1938	4-4
1938	1-4
1938	5-4
1938	3-1
1956	2-4
1956	1-7

v IRAN

1970	2-1

v ISRAEL

1969	0-1
1971	2-2
1971	1-0
1971	1-3

v MALAYSIA

1965	1-0
1965	3-0
1967	1-0
1967	4-0

v MEXICO

1970	0-3

v JAPAN

1956	2-0
1968	2-2
1968	3-1
1968	1-3
1969	3-1
1969	1-1

v NATIONALIST CHINA

1965	3-1

v NEW ZEALAND

1922	1-3
1922	1-3
1922	1-1
1923	2-3
1923	1-4
1923	2-1
1933	4-2
1933	6-4
1933	4-2
1936	7-1
1936	10-0

v NEW ZEALAND

1936	4-1
1948	6-0
1948	7-0
1949	4-0
1948	8-1
1954	4-1
1954	4-1
1958	3-2
1958	2-2
1967	5-3
1972	3-1

v NORTH KOREA

1965	1-6
1965	1-3

v RHODESIA

1950	5-0
1950	4-1
1969	1-1
1969	0-0
1969	3-1

v SCOTLAND

1967	0-1
1967	1-2
1967	0-2

v SINGAPORE

1967	5-1
1967	6-1

v SOUTH AFRICA

1947	1-2
1947	2-4
1947	3-3
1947	5-1
1947	1-2
1950	2-3
1950	1-2

v SOUTH AFRICA

1950	2-1
1950	2-0
1955	0-3
1955	0-2
1955	0-8
1955	0-6
1955	1-4

v INDONESIA

1967	3-1
1967	2-0
1972	4-1

v SOUTH KOREA

1967	3-2
1967	2-1
1967	1-1
1972	1-1
1972	2-0

v SOUTH VIETNAM

1967	1-0
1972	1-0

v PHILIPPINES

1972	6-0

AUSTRALIA'S RECORD IN FULL INTERNATIONALS

PLAYED	101	GOALS FOR	240
WON	53	GOALS AGAINST	177
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LOST	33		

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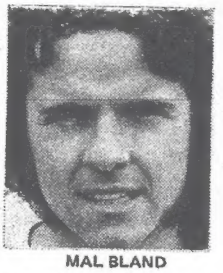
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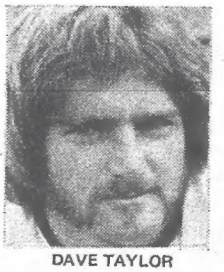
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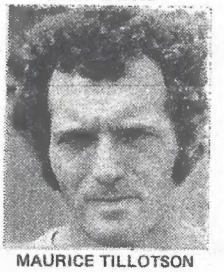
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PEN PORTRAITS OF THE NEW

JOHN MORRIS (goalkeeper) aged 22, English-born, student. Height 5' 6", weight 10 stone. Came to New Zealand in 1963 and apart from a couple of seasons with Kelston Boys' High School, has played all his football for Blockhouse Bay. Made his first team debut in 1969 but not till the following year did he blossom into one of the best 'keepers in New Zealand soccer. Amazing reflexes and faultless positioning have compensated for any disadvantage he may have because of his small build.

KEVIN CURTIN (goalkeeper), aged 24, New Zealand-born, fitter. Height 5' 10". Weight 11 stone. Finally signed by Mt Wellington last season after unsuccessful attempts during his stay with Courier Rangers from 1968. National team debut in 1970 against Hong Kong club side, Jardines. Strong in the air and possesses an abundance of courage. Interested in all sports.

RON ARMSTRONG (fullback). Aged 21. Junior executive. Height 5' 9½", weight 11 stone. Without doubt one of the best players ever to develop here in New Zealand. A Mt Wellington star, Ron has played for Auckland since 1968 and New Zealand since 1971. Auckland player of the year 1971.

TONY SIBLEY (fullback), aged 22. English-born, cable jointer. Height 5' 9", weight 11½ stone. Joined Mt Wellington in 1971 and appeared in every match for the 'Reds'. Auckland debut against West German regional league club side, Hertha Berlin, this year. Then played for province against Dundee and Wolverhampton Wanderers. Played for New Zealand on tour of South-East Asia, 1972. Interested in all sports.

MAURICE TILLOTSON (fullback), aged 28. English-born, flooring contractor. Height 5' 9", weight 10 stone 9lb. Came to New Zealand 1971 and has made a sound and steady impression on the national scene with his reliable work in defence for Gisborne City. Played for Huddersfield Town and Stockport County in England, F.C. Antwerp in Belgium.

GARY LAKE (fullback), aged 26, New Zealand-born, boilermaker/welder. Hgt 5' 9½", weight 10 stone 12lb. One of the real characters of the game in Auckland, this Blockhouse Bay player has played in Auckland teams since 1966 when he was also first selected for New Zealand.

MAL FERGUSON (centre-back), aged 23, Scottish-born, public servant. Height 6 feet, weight 12 stone. Only non-National League player. Transferred by his employers in late May, 1972, from Dunedin to Invercargill, and thus leaving National League club Caversham and joining Southern League second division outfit, Queen's Park. A player with exceptional all-round ability — neat technique, quick brain-action and good stamina — he is thus able to play in a number of positions. Has played eight years senior football in his 14-year career. Toured Australia with New Zealand under-15 team in 1964 and has played his club football with Technical Old Boys, Northern and Caversham. Represented both Otago and New Zealand senior sides and played against Cardiff City, Fiji, New Caledonia.

JOHN STAINES (fullback), aged 27, born in London, production manager. Height 5' 10in, weight 10st 2lb. Auckland player of the year in 1972 and was first chosen for Auckland and New Zealand in 1967. One of the most popular players currently in action.

TOM RANDLES (linkman), aged 32, born Blackpool. Primary school teacher. Height 5ft 10in, weight 11st 5lb. Christchurch United star who was formerly with Stoke City for five seasons. Tom Randles is a cultured player who puts the ball to excellent use.

ALAN VEST (linkman), aged 32, English-born, physical education instructor. Since his arrival in New Zealand from English club, Rugby Town, midway through last season, has become one of the most talked-about names in New Zealand soccer. All acknowledge the fine job he has done as player-coach to Gisborne City; but as well as this the likeable fairheaded and chirpy Vest has stamped his class on the pitch by always playing thoughtful and neat football, sometimes much clever stuff. Not the most popular with referees, but at the same time appreciates the power that the player with individuality can achieve.

BRIAN HARDMAN (linkman), aged 32, fitter and turner, born in Bolton, England. Height 5' 6", weight 10st 11lb. Brian is a non-stop aggressive player who likes to hold the ball and use it to good advantage. Married with one child he plays for Christchurch United and represented New Zealand in New Caledonia in 1971 and has played as a part-time pro in England.

MAX DAVIS (Striker), aged 22, company rep., N.Z. born. Began playing when eight for Stop Out, later Petone, before moving to Gisborne in 1961 and reached Central League status. Went to England 1969, had games for West Ham United reserves, returned for 1970 season. Capped for Auckland against both Dundee and Wolves, outstanding against Scottish side. Great improvement in maturity of play since joining Mount Wellington.

DENNIS TINDALL (striker), aged 23, New Zealand-born, sales representative. Hails from Nelson. Height 5' 7", weight 10 stone. Year of rugby before joining Courier Rangers in 1968. Went to Dunedin and St Kilda-Mornington club in 1969, then after Otago representation joined Dunedin Suburbs in 1971 and vital player in that club's impressive

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first year in National League football. National team debut on New Caledonian tour in 1971, and Auckland debut against Hertha January, 1972 (missed the Dundee and Wolves games through injury). Exceptional speed has added penetration to Mount Wellington's attacking play and Tindall's ability to take on and beat defenders makes him a potent winger. Interested in all sports, particularly athletics in which he has represented Auckland.

BRIAN TURNER (linkman), aged 23. English-born, weed contractor. Height 6' 2". Came to New Zealand in 1951, first of national Under 15 team to Australia in 1964 to become full international. Seven appearances for Auckland after debut against New Caledonia in 1967 in same year as debut for national team on South-East Asian tour. Returned to England, March 1968, signed by English first division club, Chelsea, then made brief return here and played for New Zealand against Cardiff City in same year. Back in England played for both Portsmouth (second division) and Brentford (fourth division). Totalled 100 league appearances and seven goals in English professional football. In final season of Brentford's promotion to third division earlier last (northern) season played 39 of the team's 46 league matches.During last season joined Mount Wellington and now a vital part in talented squad. Intelligent scheming player, with long accurate carpet passes to unmarked team-mates stamping his class. Also has good shot. Other interests are cricket, golf and speedway.

BRIAN ARMSTRONG (centre back or linkman), aged 24. Born in England. Height 5' 8", weight 10st 10lb. Systems analyst. A regular junior representative, but rested from the game for two years in late teens. Many appearances for Auckland since January, 1970. Was to have made New Zealand debut on the cancelled Oceania Tournament of 1971. A heady player who reads the game extremely well. Chess fanatic.

COLIN LATIMOUR (centre half), aged 26. New Zealandborn, insurance clerk. Height 5' 11". Currently with Eastern Suburbs, Colin was their 1971 club player of the year and the N.Z. player of the year in 1967. He's had 24 appearances for Auckland and 17 for N.Z. including Vietnam National Day tournament in 1967. All previous appearances were at fullback.

MALCOLM BLAND (striker). Born County Durham, England. Age 23, height 5' 9½", weight 11st 7lb. Retail manager. Spent three years with Liverpool and one year with Crewe as a full-time professional and has played for New Zealand and Auckland since 1968. Was in last World Cup bid against Israel in 1969.

GEOFF BRAND (striker), aged 26, English-born, policeman. Height 6' 1", weight 13st 7lb. At his best a striker to be feared, but this season did not play consistently well. Came to New Zealand in late 1967 and joined Miramar Rangers club before joining Stop Out and playing National League football 1971 and 1972. Great shooting ability, especially on the run and from volleys, but usually needs the assistance of a fellow understanding striker for his abilities to be exploited. Has played five times for N.Z. and toured South-East Asia 1972.

DAVE TAYLOR (striker), aged 22, New Zealand-born, weed contractor. Height 5' 11in, weight 12st 5lb. In 1967 debuts for both Auckland (again New Caledonia) and New Zealand (on South East Asian tour). Then joined South Sydney-Croatia and regular member of first team for three years there. Included in New South Wales squad to meet Moscow Dynamo but injury kept him out of final team. Now fully fit and has added class to already lethal Mt Wellington attack, with subtle flicks and surprise back heel passes into the vital spaces typifying his creative sense. Also good on the ball and runs intelligently off it to combine all the qualities needed of the front runner. Particularly good at shielding ball.

ALAN MARLEY (striker), aged 21, English-born, executive at paintbrush manufacturers. Height 5' 9", weight 10 stone. Came to New Zealand with his family as a boy and played junior football through the grades. Went back to Britain as 17-year-old for period with Crewe and then to Dover in the Southern League. Returned early last season to lead Brighton to the Southern League championship and entry into the National League. Transferred to Christchurch United at start of last season and has made himself one of the most feared strikers in New Zealand. Tireless runner, sharp ball control and impressive 'finder' of space with the brains to use it well when support is available. Youngest team member and N.Z. Player of the Year, 1972.

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WHEN LOOKING BACK on the inaugural Oceania tournament, it is easy to let New Zealand's grand performance in the final overshadow all else and force some other good performances into the background.

The greatest aspect of the whole show was that it ever got started.

After years of official bickering and duck-shoving, the New Zealand men, led by Jack Cowie and Charlie Dempsey, finally got the ball rolling in the right direction when they took over the running of the first tournament and invited the Pacific countries to take part.

Of course, as is now common knowledge, Australia opted out of the Oceania Confederation preferring instead to try and gain admission to the Asian section of FIFA.

But to their credit the other member countries did not let Australia's attitude upset and the tournament was on.

It is interesting to note that the Fijian officials — in whose country the next Oceania will be held — are quietly confident that Australia will be there and that they are hoping to have a total of eight teams in the tournament.

But to get back to the 1973 tournament.

The competition opened with a showed of rain and the score resulted:

TAHITI 2, NEW CALEDONIA 1

Roger Mandin (New Caledonia) had the honour of being the first goalscorer of the week-long tournament when, in the 38th minute, he goaled from a free kick after New Caledonia had enjoyed most of the early play.

As early as this first game, Errol Bennett's ability as a goal grabber was obvious as two of Tahiti's first half scoring chances were from him.

After the interval, it was Bennett who did score and level the score.

From a free kick taken by Mana Temaina, Bennett was on the spot to head home a good goal.

The second half was almost completely dominated by the Tahitians and it was not surprising that, in the 79th minute, that they did take the lead although it was only a penalty which Alexis Tumahai netted that got them there.

NEW ZEALAND 5, FIJI 1

The final apart, this was New Zealand's best game of the tournament.

Right from the start they went on to attack with Mal Bland hitting top form and sending across a continual stream of good crosses.

From one of these, in the 10th minute, Brian Turner charged in and headed home and New Zealand were in business.

Seven minutes later Dave Taylor opened his account when he got up to a chip from Turner and back-headed past the 'keeper and into the net. It was Fiji's turn next when, from an indirect fere kick from just outside the penalty area, Waisea Naicovu tapped the ball to a charging Terio Vakatawa and the ball slammed into the top left hand corner like a rocket.

The Fijians might not have been the most successful side on show but those defenders of theirs could really thump the ball.

New Zealand's 2-1 lead at the interval became 4-1 in the first ten minutes of the second spell.

Geoff Brand finished off a left wing corner successfully in the 49th minute and then six minutes later Bland was rewarded for his good work when he teamed up with Dennis Tindall to score.

And then just before the end Alan Vest made it five with a good goal.

NEW CALEDONIA 4, NEW HEBRIDES 1

New Caledonia did their best work in the first half and scored all their goals before half-time.

Sagin Wayewol got his head to a cross from Jacques Koindredi in the 14th minute to open the scoring with Jean Hmae finishing off a Gerald Delmas free kick a few minutes later to make it 2-0.

And then twice in the last five minutes of the half, New Caledonia scored. Pierre Wacapo scored the first of these with a shot which hit the underside of the bar and bounced down, much to the surprise of the New Hebrides players, and then in the 45th minute Hmae scored his second.

The second spell was pretty scrappy with New Caledonia struggling to find their first half form.

Alick Saurei and Michel Dupuy both came close to scoring for the New Hebrides early in the half but it was not until the 6st minute that Dupuy scored when he picked up a long cross from Roger Valette.

NEW ZEALAND 1, TAHITI 1

The game, apart from the final, most remembered in the 12 matches.

And it was not the football which will be discussed in a few months from now.

The local players for the first time in a long while came up against a combination of a weak referee and a team set on playing the man rather than the ball.

Fouls were more frequent than kicks for touch in rugby and because of this the game deteriorated into a farce with the referee unable, or more to the point, unwilling to do anything about it. If he had se nt off just one player — possibly the Tahitian defender Temarii — he would have asserted the authority the players, especially the New Zealanders, were looking for. But he did not, and the bickering continued.

After a goalless first half, Bennett scored Tahiti's goal in the 47th minute and for a long time it looked as though that would be all the scoring.

But New Zealand pulled themselves back into the game when Vest, with a little bit of help from a defender's deflection, sliced a free kick home 16 minutes from the end. New Zealand took command from then on but were unable to repeat the effort.

NEW CALEDONIA 2, FIJI 0

New Caledonia with goals in each half scored their second win against a keen, but largely unskilled Fiji XI.

Fiji missed a golden opportunity to open the scoring when Vakatawa slammed a penalty on to the crossbar and far away midway through the first spell. It was not until the 43rd minute that Wayewol accepted a chipped pass from Hmae and headed over the 'keeper's head to score.

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Their only other goal came in the last minute of play when Wayewol scored his second of the night with a drive from the edge of the penalty area and into the top right-hand corner.

TAHITI 1, NEW HEBRIDES 0

Tahiti were expected to overrun the New Hebrides but the underdogs bustled their more favoured opponents from the start and did not let them settle down.

Their only goal came in the 18th minute when Bennett headed home a good cross from Joseph Burns. Tahiti came back towards the end of the spell and on two or three occasions looked set to score but somehow the goal just eluded them.

In the second spell the Tahitians were forced back on defence early but again came back towards the end — without success.

NEW HEBRIDES 2, FIJI 1

The battle between the two bottom-placed team with New Hebrides coming from behind to snatch the victory 15 minutes from the end.

Fiji's Josateki Kurivitu blasted in a penalty midway through the first spell to open the scoring only to see Saurel equalize ten minutes later after the Fijian 'keeper Nicklaus Rounds had only partially blocked a shot by Jimmy Meto.

Then, in the 30th minute, Jacques Valette shock himself free from a huddle of defenders to pivot around and score and put his side into fourth place.

NEW ZEALAND 2, NEW CALEDONIA 1

One of the closest, tightest games of the week and in doubt right until Colin Latimour's great goal just before the end.

New Zealand again started off in their attacking mood and when Bland crossed for Marley to score in the 16th minute it looked as though New Zealand would run away with it.

But as the New Caledonians have shown many times against New Zealand before they are made of fighting stuff and came back strongly to level eight minutes later.

Jean Xowie went away in a solo left wing break and, all in one move, fired in a shot which beat the advancing New Zealand 'keeper, Johnny Morris, and found the back of the net.

New Caledonia stormed back time and time again after this and Morris was called on to pull off some grand reflex saves to keep them out.

In the second spell New Zealand had their chances but could not breach the experienced New Caledonian defence and it looked as though the game was headed for a draw.
counter-attack.

That was until the 44th minute Brian Hardman ran deep, whipped a pass back to Latimour and the Eastern Suburbs man coolly side-footed the ball into the top of the net.

TAHITI 4, FIJI 0

Fiji started out in this game as though making a really determined bid to make the play-off for third and for the first 20 minutes or so they looked in great form with their tall powerful men keeping up a barrage of shots which just would not go in.

However, Tahiti burst back and in an incredible fourminute spell scored three times to put the result firmly in their favour.

Claude Carara scored first then followed Harold Ng Fok and Gilles Malinowski in quick succession.

And to complete the scoring in the 66th minute Jean de Marigny curled one in to make it four.

NEW ZEALAND 3, NEW HEBRIDES 1

New Zealand opened the scoring after 25 minutes when Brand got up above the 'keeper to nod home yet another of Bland's crosses and then seven minutes later Hardman followed up a shot which rebounded back off the upright to score.

Raymond Valette reduced the deficit three minutes later when he angled a shot in past Kevin Curtin to make it 2-1 at the interval.

The score remained the same until just three minutes from time when Marley headed home a cross from Bland.

And so to the play-off for third.

Not a great game with New Caledonia deserving their 2-1 win over the younger, and obviously less experienced men from the New Hebrides.

Delmas opened the scoring when he netted a free kick at the end of the first spell while the opposition just stood and watched; then 15 minutes after the resumption Xowie, in another of his solo breaks, scored to make it 2-0.

The New Hebrides got one back 18 minutes from the end when Charles Galinie scored with a penalty.

The final which followed was exciting as the play-off was dull.

New Zealand really turned it on for their fans and a five or even six goal margin at the end would not have been too exagerated.

They worked like a well-drilled unit and showed their ability to attack.

It would hardly be fair to single out the stars but I feel Dave Taylor deserves a mention for the brand of football he showed us in this his best game in Auckland since returning here last season.

He set up both goals — scoring one himself and giving the other to Marley — with some powerful purposeful running which had the Tahitian defence at a loss to stop.

All players in this game, including Brian Armstrong, who came on for Dennis Tindall, played their hearts out and really deserved their medals.

Today, a repeat of a performance of that nature, could give them an even bigger scalp.

POINTS (from section play)

Won, Drawn, Lost, Goals For, Goals Against and Points are given respectively.

New Zealand	3	1	0	11	4	7
Tahiti	3	1	0	8	2	7
N. Caledonia	2	0	2	8	5	4
New Hebrides	1	0	3	4	9	2
Fiji	0	0	4	2	13	0

The leading goalscorers were:

A. Marley (N.Z.), E. Bennett (Tahiti), and S. Wayewol (New Caledonia), three; D. Taylor (N.Z.), G. Brand (N.Z.), A. Vest (N.Z.), J. Hmae (New Caledonia), and Jean Xowie (New Caledonia), two; 19 other players including the New Zealanders B. Turner, B. Hardman, M. Bland and C. Latimour scored one each.

GREAT MOMENT

SIR WILLIAM WALKLEY, original donor of the Oceania Cup, presents the trophy to New Zealand captain John Staines, after New Zealand's great win 2-0 over Tahiti last Saturday. Looking on are Mr Jack Cowie, President of the Oceania Confederation, and Mr Charlie Dempsey, conference secretary.

I rate Alf's men as a Munich danger

QUESTION: Together with West Germany, which other nations will do well in Munich in 1974?

NETZER: I like the look of England. They are very, very strong again. They will have a formidable team — a new, strong team.

I also fancy the Italians and, as outsiders, I think the Netherlands. They have a strong club team in Ajax and I am sure they will soon have a strong national team.

STRONG

I don't think the South American teams will figure among the honours. They are tremendously strong in their own countries but not in Europe.

Brazil, as always, will have a strong team, but I think they will have problems in their tactics in Europe.

If England are to succeed, what weaknesses must they overcome?

The weaknesses we exposed in our game with Sir Alf's team at Wembley last season were maybe temporary troubles.

They had troubles in midfield and, towards the end of the game, troubles in defence. Our defence was very strong.

We have excellent players to mark Martin Chivers and Lee and this was the decisive factor.

Why do you rate West Germany's chances so highly in Munich?

This will be a tremendously difficult competition to win, but we West Germans will be playing in our own country, which is always an advantage. And right now we have a very good team, a young team, yet an experienced one.

By 1974 the oldest player will be only 29 or 30.

These players will be in excellent condition, mentally and physically, in Munich.

Will you need to alter the tactics which won West Germany the European championship?

No . . . just improve them. Remember, both Beckenbauer and myself had to change our games to blend to the national team. What we can do, others can do.

Do you see football losing its world popularity?

Sadly, I do . . . certainly throughout Europe.

I believe only in Italy are the crowds increasing. In Germany the situation is even more mysterious because we have the best national team in Europe. We are shortly to stage the World Cup and yet our crowds continue to fall.

When the Bundesliga started nearly 10 years ago, the average attendance at League games was over 36,000. Now it's down to just over 16,000.

Only two clubs in the entire country are making a profit, Bayern Munich, who include six of the national team, and Dusseldorf.

BLAME

Maybe the Olympic Games last year gave the West German people too much sport. Maybe television is to blame.

In Germany we play attractive football; we go for goals, and we like to entertain. Yet still we cannot attract big crowds.

Is there a world-wide trend towards attacking football?

I can't say there has been a change in Germany. We have played the same style of football now for five years.

Three 'Socceroos' New Zealand must tame

by GARY DIXON

AUSTRALIA will seldom have been represented by a stronger soccer team than the XI which plays New Zealand this afternoon.

After a 6 win, 1 draw, no loss tour of Indonesia, South Vietnam, South Korea and the Philippines last October, the 'Socceroos' can rightly claim the unofficial title of Champions of Asia. To tilt the Australian crown, the home side will need to tame, first and foremost, three members of the visiting party who pose the greatest threat to national coach Barry Truman's aspirations to victory.

Branco Buljevic, 'the find' of the Asian tour, is to Australia what Ian Ormond is to New Zealand. Happy playing on the left wing or at inside forward, this heady player from Victoria State possesses speed and ball control that made him leading scorer with six goals for the tour.

Indonesia, whom the Australians feared most before their 25 day caper through Asia, felt the sting of his skill when he scored twice in his country's 4-1 victory.

Affiliated to the J.U.S.T. Club of Melbourne, the 25-year-old striker was one of two substitutes coach Rale Rasic used to bolster a struggling Australian side when New Zealand held them to a half-time, 1-1 draw during their encounter in Jakarta last spring. John Staines and his backline boys, as some of them discovered in that sultry city, will need to watch Buljevic every one of the 90 minutes if the home team is to reverse their 3-1 defeat.

In defence, as solid as the skyscrapers of his hometown, Sydney, plays Peter Wilson, Australia's captain. The tall, 25-year-old centre-back of the shoulder-length blonde locks, was voted Best Player On and Off the Field of Play at the conclusion of the tour. Wilson, who is a member of the Marconi-Sydney Club, before traversing Asia, had worn his country's colours on seven occasions. Alan Marley and Co., will need to perform at their very best to succeed where many have failed.

The thidd and probably the most dangerous member of the trio will call Australia's tactics from the bench. Zvonimir 'Rale' Rasic was appointed national coach in 1970 after grooming the best Victorian State side for many years. Only 34 years of age, the soft spoken Yugoslav earned his football experience playing as a professional for Prolater then Spartak before leaving his homeland for Australia. Able to gain the best from his players and a great believer in the virtues of training camps for representative squads, Rale Rasic's most notable achievements to date as coach and sole selector for his adopted country is a 3-1 over Greece in Athens in 1970, a 1-0 success over touring Wolverhampton Wanderers and a 2-2 draw with soccer maestro Pele's club, Santos, last season.

The danger of Buljevic, the steadfastness of Wilson and a record of only four losses in many games encompassing Rasic's two-year reign is a three-pronged threat New Zealand must check if they are to take a giant step towards Munich.

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PEN PORTRAITS OF THE

RON CORRY (South Sydney): Goalkeeper, born 21.4.41. One of the great 'veterans' of Australian soccer who was recalled to the National Team last year after a three-year absence. He won international fame with magnificent performances in the 1969 World Cup Tournament in Seoul where he saved a South Korean penalty in the vital last match which enabled Australia to take out the series. Amazes by the length of his clearances. He is able to kick the full length of the field and has not lost any of his reflexes. He spends much of his spare time coaching junior teams and his ambition is to produce a goalkeeper who can play some day also for Australia. 22 Selections.

JACK REILLY (Hakoah, Melbourne): Goalkeeper, born 27.8.45. First selected in the Australian team in the 1970 World Tour where he established himself as Australia's number one choice. The highlight of his career so far was a stupendous display at the Azteca Stadium, Mexico City, in December, 1970, where Mexican soccer writers described his performance as one of the best seen at that famous ground: venue for so many great matches in last World Cup. Tall and elegant, Reilly played one season in Sydney after the 1970 tour, but has since returned to Melbourne. Injured in 1971 he regained his place in the Australian goal last year and was one of the best players in Australia's win against Wolverhampton, the English finalists of the 1972 UEFA Cup, and in the 2-2 draw with Pele's F.C. Santos. 8 Selections.

BOBBY HOGG (St George): Defender, born 8.4.47. One of the most aggressive, fast defenders in Australian football who can play in any position. Started as a midfielder, the position he still holds in his club team. He was promoted to full back in the Australian side in 1972. 4 Selections.

HARRY WILLIAMS (St George): Fullback, born 7.5.51. Burst on the Sydney club scene with tremendous impact in 1970 after a quick promotion from junior and reserve ranks. Selected in the national squad for the world tour the same year. After a brief eclipse in 1971, re-established himself as one of the country's top fullbacks in 1972 and fully deserved to return amongst Australia's best 22 players this year.

GEORG EHARRIS (St George), Defender, born 6.2.49. One of the bright young stars of Australian soccer who had a meteoric rise to the top. Fast and forceful, he favours the modern overlapping style of European fullbacks and likes nothing better than to join his forwards with lightning fast forays down the wing. At times he really plays as one of the Australian team's wingers and his crosses spell danger for the goalkeeper. Despite his relatively small stature, his tackling is fierce and it will take a clever forward to get the better of this stout hearted youngster. Made his international debut against Israel earlier in November, 1971. 6 Selections.

DOUG UTJESENOVIC (St George), Defender, born 8.10.46. An elegant, ball-playing defender, whose impeccable technique is a great asset in a tight situation. His ability to work the ball out of a mass of players, then lay on a perfect pass to set his forwards back on attack should delight spectators. A perfect gentleman, you will rarely see him commit a foul. His delicately-placed freekicks would trouble more than one opposing defence. First selection in the Australian team last year, but he has played many times for the State selections of Victoria and New South Wales, where he moved to in 1971. 3 Selections.

BOGDAN NYSKOHUS (Lions, Adelaide): Defender, born 28.6.50. The only player from South Australia in the squad, this young full back got his baptism of international fire against Wolverhampton last year and came out with flying colours against the tough English professionals. His coolness under pressure and his already first-rate ball control and positional sense belie his young age. He is undoubtedly one of the players on whom Australia can rely on for many years. 3 Selections.

PETER WILSON (Safeway United): Defender, born 15.9.47. Australia's soccer captain. So well did he play on the 1970 World Tour that he has made the stopper position his ever since. His flowing blond hair makes it impossible not to notice him on the football field and he is a sure favourite of the crowds. He has seldom faired poorly in Australian colours and at his best he can be equal to any of the European or South American 'sweeper' and almost impossible to pass. 14 Selections.

MANFRED SCHAEFER (St George): Defender, born 12.2.43. "Bombshell," "Iron Man," "Panzer," are only some of the nicknames this outstanding player has earned in a distinguished career. A permanent fixture in any Australian team from 1967 till 1970, Australian soccer suffered an irreparable loss when he announced his retirement from international football in December, 1970, because of business pressure. Luckily for Australia he made himself available until the next World Cup and it didn't take the lion-hearted Schaefer long to continue where he had left off as the lung of the Australian team. 32 Selections.

JOHN WARREN (St George): Midfielder, born 17.5.43. The best known and liked soccer player in Australia whose name has become synonymous with the game in recent years. A Batchelor of Economics and a journalist with a weekly football column in a Sydney newspaper, Warren has made a miraculous recovery when his playing career appeared doomed a year ago. He was out of action for 18 months following serious cruciate ligament trouble, but bounced back to his best form and performed well on tour last year. Last year he added to his fame when he was the "dux" of the second Asian Coaching Course in Kuala Lumpur. Warren is an inspiration on and off the field to the Australian team of which he was the captain for five years until his injury. With his 36 Selections he is Australia's most capped soccer player.

RAY RICHARDS (Marconi-Sydney): Midfielder, born 18.5.44. First selected for Australia on the 1967 tour of Asia, he went into a three-year eclipse until chosen again for the 1970 World Tour. He has not looked back since and is an automatic choice for a National XI. This husky mustacheoud half back, with the lethal shot, is always a favourite of the crowds, who gape in awe and amazement at the length of his throw-ins, which are every bit as dangerous as corner kicks. He won a niche in Australian soccer history for himself in June, 1972, when he marked the great Pele out of the Australian v Santos match in Sydney, without a single foul going against him, into the bargain. 13 Selections.

AUSTRALIAN WORLD CUP SQUAD

JIM ROONEY (Apia-Leichhardt): Midfielder, born 10.12.45. Originally a Victorian, he was transferred to Sydney three years where he became an instant hit. Not a big man, Rooney has exquisite ball control and when in the mood his probings and openings can be quite irresistable. His career, however, has often been plagued by injuries by the very nature of his play, which leaves him open to highly suspect tackles by opponents unable to subdue him by legal means. 8 Selections.

RAY BAATZ (Hakoah-Sydney): Striker, born 6.3.47. Unanimously regarded, quite rightly, as Australia's best striker, the goalscorer par excellence. His left foot shot is deadly and goalkeepers are warned not to let their eyes wander when is anywhere within shooting distance. But for his professional commitments, he would now be Australia's most capped international. 32 Selections.

JOHN McDONALD (Auburn): Midfielder, born 16.6.46. A new face in the Australian Squad, this industrious player earned his place in the 1972 touring party for a great Sydney season last year. Although he favours a deep lying 'fetch and carry' role, he has also scored many goals and is a master in the art of the fast breakaway. 1 Selection.

ATTILA ABONYI (St George): Striker, born 16.8.46. Revealed himself to the Australian public at large during the 1967 Asian tour when he was the top scorer in the Saigon tournament with 13 goals. His exploits brought him instant fame and a quick transfer from Melbourne to Sydney. A delicate, fragile, artistic player, he can be a match-winner when the mood strikes him. 26 Selections.

ADRIAN ALSTON (Safeway United): Striker, born 6.2.48. Alston's height makes him a match-winner with his head, thereby his nickname 'Noddy.' He is also adept in beating his opponent in man-to-man combat as he possesses one of the most devastating body swerves in Australian football. Rejoined his old club, Safeway, from St George this year. 16 Selections.

MAX TOLSON (Marconi Sydney): Striker, born 18.7.45. The second giant forward of the Australian team who has scored countless goals with his head. A few years ago he so impressed English talent scouts that he spent three seasons as a professional in England. Fast, tough and rugged, he can be quite a handful for his direct opponents and can create havoc in the various defences. Despite his 'tough guy' appearance on the pitch, offthe field, he is the epitomy of the gentle giant, with simple tastes which give the lie to his football image. 8 Selections.

BRANKO BULJEVIC (J.U.S.T.): Striker, born 6.9.47. This ball-playing winger or inside forward in the Central European tradition, gets his big chance to show his class in international company in Australia for the first time. When in the right mood, he can be a sure-fire match winner who dazzles opponents with tricky footwork, feints and bewildering bursts of speed. No mean shot either. Buljevic is the brightest jewel of his Melbourne team and Australians are looking to him to play a large, perhaps decisive part in qualifying them for the 1974 World Cup. 5 Selections.

TERRY BUTLER (Apia - Leichhardt): Striker, born 3.2.53. Burst on the Sydney club scene 18 months ago when he forced his way into the first team of the powerful Apia Club. Still a teenager, Butler is one of the most exciting prospects discovered in Australia for some years. Already the best winger at Club level, he has yet to prove himself fully at international level, but Australian fans hope he will do just that soon. 2 Selections.

ERNIE CAMPBELL (Marconi-Fairfield): Forward, born 20.10.49. Injuries have restricted this talented player to one brief international appearance against Israel in 1971. Under more lucky circumstances, he would by now be an almost automatic choice in any Australian XI. A clever, ball-playing forward, his openings and promptings are a feature of the play of Marconi, the club he joined from APIA two years ago. Had a spell as an "apprentice" with Tommy Docherty at Chelsea in 1965-66. 1 Selection.

SELECTOR COACH OF THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM IS ZVONIMIR (RALE) RASIC. Appointed in 1970, this quietly spoken Yugoslav, who has been only a naturalised Australian for some years, is only 34 years of age.

His record since taking over has been first class, Australia only having lost two full international matches since he has been at the helm.

Under Rasic, the Australian team achieved it's greatest international triumphs, namely the 3-1 win against Greece in Athens, in November, 1970, last year's 1-0 victory against Wolverhampton Wanderers of England, a 2-2 draw with Santos, the Pele team, and went through Asia undefeated in October, 1972.

PHYSIOTHERAPIST: Mr Jeter Van Ryn.

JIM FRASER (St George Budapest), 25, Goalkeeper. Tried his luck with several Sydney teams before settling with Polonia. "Drifted" for a period after quitting his club, he found later his niche at the St George Budapest S.C. Member of the 1969 World Cup squad, Fraser returned to the National Squad during Jack Reilly's absence in 1971 then lost it again when Ron Corry returned. Speed and height are his greatest assets. Judged St George's best player last season.

JIM ARMSTRONG (South Melbourne Hellas), 29: Striker. Born in Scotland where he had two years with Renfrew Juniors and one season with Yoker Athletic before coming on to Melbourne to join Hakoah in 1967. After being among the State League's top scorers every year, he switched to Hellas in 1970 and his brilliant form last year prompted coach Rasic to recall him for the Asian tour. Had previously represented Australia in the Saigon Friendship Cup Tournament of 1970. Was Victoria's top marksman last season, scoring 17 goals in State League matches and 25 altogether.

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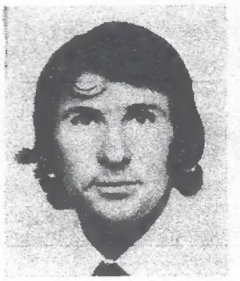

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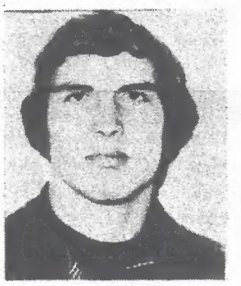

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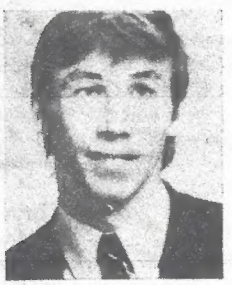

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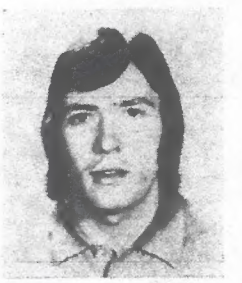

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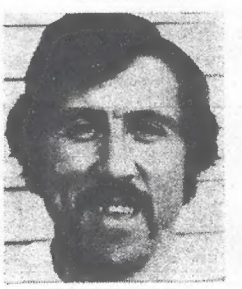

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NEW ZEALAND v AUSTRALIA

In games between New Zealand and Australia, up until 1972, Australia "shades" New Zealand . . . 16 wins to five !

1922 (Home) 3-1, 1-1, 3-1.

1923 (Away) 1-2, 3-2, 4-1.

1933 (Away) 2-4, 4-6, 2-4.

1936 (Home) 1-7, 0-10, 1-4.

1948 (Home) 0-6, 0-7, 0-4, 1-8.

1954 (Away) 2-1, 1-4, 1-4.

1958 (Home) 2-3, 2-2.

1967 (Saigon) 3-5.

1972 (Jakarta) 1-3.

The New Zealand record is:

Played 23, Won 5, Drawn 2, Lost 16; For 38, Against 82.

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